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Sir:

**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT AS A  
SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37  
C.F.R. §1.114 IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 18, 2011 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c) accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in response to the October 18, 2011 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 18, 2011 Final Office Action was originally due January 18, 2012. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. The fee for the one-month extension of time is SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) for a small entity and authorization is hereby given to charge this amount (\$75.00) to Deposit Account no. 03-3125. With a one-month extension of time a response is now due February 18, 2012. However, under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a), when the last day for taking any action in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day. Since February 18, 2012 was a Saturday and February 20, 2012 was a Federal Holiday, a response filed on the

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Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

next succeeding business day, i.e. Tuesday, February 21, 2012, is to  
be considered timely. Accordingly, this Response is being timely  
filed.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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